



West Fork San Jacinto River and Lake Creek Watershed Protection Plan and Characterization of Spring and Cypress Creeks

Water Body	West Fork San Jacinto (1004), Lake Creek (1015), Spring Creek (1008), Cypress Creek (1009)
Location	Montgomery, Waller, Grimes, and Harris Counties
River Basin	San Jacinto River Basin (10)
Contractor	Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)
Project Period	July 22, 2015 to August 31, 2018
Project Total	\$759,000 (Federal 60% and Local Match 40%)

Background

The watersheds of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River Basin serves as a drinking water source to about six million people in the Houston metropolitan area. These watersheds are experiencing concerns or impairments for bacteria. Additionally, Lake Creek, Spring Creek, and Cypress Creek have concerns for dissolved oxygen.

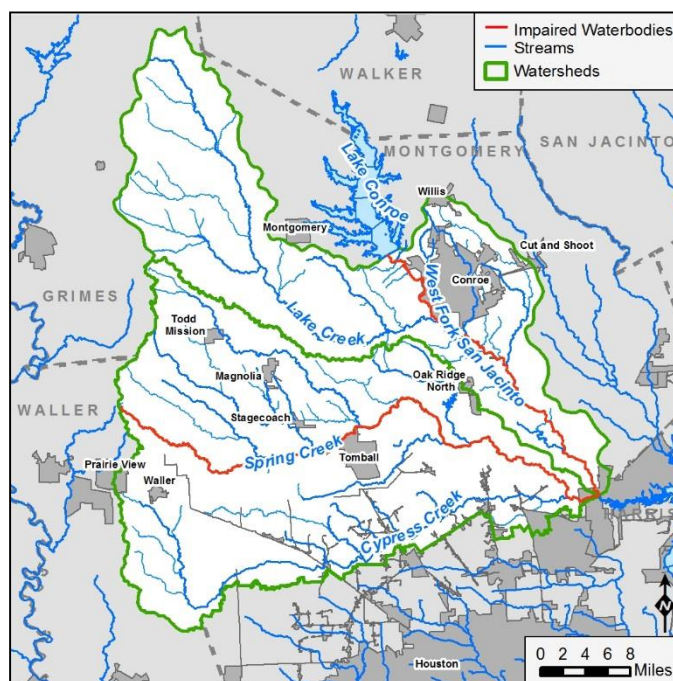
The watersheds of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River Basin have been identified in previous watershed planning efforts. These efforts include the Bacteria Implementation Group's Implementation Plan for Houston Area TMDLs, the "Implementation Plan for Seventy-Two TMDLs for Bacteria in the Houston-Galveston Region", as well as the TMDL for Bacteria in the East and West Forks of the San Jacinto River.

Project Description

This project will produce a watershed protection plan (WPP) for the West Fork of the San Jacinto River and Lake Creek watersheds. The WPP will be developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process to address water quality impairments. A characterization of the Spring Creek and Cypress Creek watersheds, which are also part of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River Basin, will be completed. This project will collect, analyze, and evaluate the results of monitoring data and conduct modeling efforts necessary to understand the conditions and sources of pollutant loading in all four watersheds.

Current Status

Key stakeholders are being engaged and invited to join stakeholder efforts in advance of the first public meeting. Modeling is set to begin once the QAPP is executed.



Public Participation

The first public meeting is scheduled for April 2016.

For More Information

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Project Highlights

- 07/2015 – Post Award Meeting held.
- 03/2016 – Public Participation Plan approved.